

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *ps*

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH AN URBAN SYSTEM PROJECT FOR  
A STUDY OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF STRATEGIES FOR OLD  
TOWN ALEXANDRIA

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish an Urban Highway project for a study of traffic congestion relief strategies for Old Town Alexandria.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) and request staff to forward it to the Virginia Department of Transportation.
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all related documents.

**DISCUSSION:** In 2000, the City applied for Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to conduct a study of transportation system management strategies to address recurring traffic congestion in and around Old Town Alexandria. This study project is to identify the most effective technology alternatives to reduce traffic congestion and related emissions, improve access and mitigate parking problems in Old Town Alexandria. This funding request was requested in advance of, but in anticipation of, Council's approval of staff's undertaking the citywide Comprehensive Transportation Policy and Program project. Thus, the funds for this study will be used as part of the Comprehensive Transportation Policy and Program project, and will focus primarily on technology alternatives to reduce traffic congestion and emissions in and around Old Town.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The preliminary engineering cost estimate for this project is \$200,000. The City has received 2002 Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funding through VDOT in

the amount of \$160,000 for this project. The City has a 20 percent match of \$40,000. The City's match will be covered under the FY 2003 Operating Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. VDOT Programming Resolution

**STAFF:** Richard J. Baier, P.E., Director, T&ES  
Thomas H. Culpepper, P.E., Deputy Director, T&ES

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF STRATEGIES  
FOR OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA**

**PROJECT PROGRAMMING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Department of Transportation urban system funding allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by council resolution be made in order that the Department program an urban system highway project in the City of Alexandria; now

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to pay its share of the total cost for preliminary engineering of this project in accordance with Section 33.1-44 of the Code of Virginia, and that, if the City of Alexandria subsequently elects to cancel this project, the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of the costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

City of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST

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Clerk of Council

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2049

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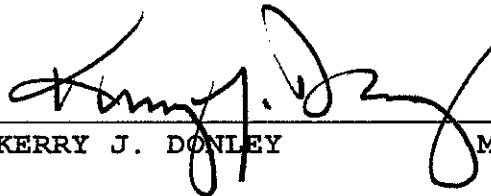
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ADOPTED: November 26, 2002

  
KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk